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1 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the received data is stored in a memory
2 space accessible by the client as cache.

1 4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the receiving step is via the Internet.

1 6. A method according to claim 1, wherein the temporarily stored data comprises
2 data in text, graphics, sound, video, or applet format.

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1 8. A method according to claim 7, wherein the specifying step is carried out by a
2 user in real time.

1 9. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of reading an
2 instruction provided with the received data, wherein the instruction indicates that the
3 received data should be temporarily stored.

1 10. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of deleting the data
2 after the specified minimum length of time.

1 11. A method according to claim 1, wherein the data is a first Web page containing a
2 hyperlink to a second Web page and the storing step includes storing data of the second
3 Web page.

1 12. A method, comprising the step of storing Web page data temporarily in a cache
2 for a user specified time period.

1 13. A method according to claim 12, wherein said data is stored to conserve cache
2 storage space and to ensure that the user may retrieve the data within the user-selected
3 time period.

1 14. A client, comprising:
2 a central processing unit;
3 an input device coupled to said central processing unit;
4 an output device coupled to said central processing unit; and

5 a memory space operatively coupled to said central processing unit for storing
6 data,
7 the client being configured to temporarily store data downloaded from a network
8 for a user specified minimum period of time, after which period of time the stored data is
9 subject to automatic deletion.

1 15. A client according to claim 14, wherein the memory space is a cache memory
2 space.

1 16. A client according to claim 14, wherein the memory space is a nonvolatile
2 memory.

1 17. A client according to claim 14, wherein the client is further configured to respond
2 to a user request to display information about the stored data.

1 18. A client according to claim 17, wherein the client is further configured to respond
2 to a user request to modify a property of the stored data.

1 19. A client according to claim 14, wherein the stored data is data from one or more
2 Web site images.

1 20. A system, comprising:
2 a client configured to temporarily store data received from a server for a user-
3 specified minimum period of time, to provide user access when said data is not available
4 from said server,

5 said client being further configured to delete said data after expiration of said
6 user-specified minimum period of time, to recover memory space over time.